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## Newton Church Burns; Loss Set At \$50,000

### Report Loss Very Heavy In Equipment; Records Safe

Newton Dec. 5—The Newton Baptist church and all its equipment and furnishing were destroyed by a fire discovered at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Damage was officially set at over \$50,000.

The blaze was believed to have originated from the furnace which had been lighted at 7 a. m. by the church janitor in preparation for Sunday School and morning services.

The 40-year-old structure burned furiously and quickly, and was completely demolished in an hour.

A great loss in equipment was reported. Burned were five pianos, all the pews, hymn books, pulpit furniture, and two beautiful old stained glass windows.

Between five and ten thousand dollars in insurance was carried, and officials of the church said that the insurance would not cover the loss of the irreplaceable windows alone.

Plans have been underway for some years to erect a new Baptist church building in Newton, and only recently these were completed and presented to the church for approval. Drawn by Spain and Biggers, Jackson architects, the new Newton church, which has

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## R. W. Martin to Speak On Miss. Radio Hour



REV. R. W. MARTIN

Rev. Robert W. Martin, pastor of First Church Batesville, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

## Committee O.K.'s Work

### Suggests Ways To Strengthen Procedure

#### RIDDELLS WRITE FROM COLOMBIA, SOUTH AM.

A letter from the Gerald Riddells, missionaries who have returned to Colombia, South America, after a furlough in the States, tells of their safe arrival and of the apparently undamaged arrival of their car and baggage. And the material that did arrive was in good shape, but in unpacking, six of the undamaged crates were found empty. The stolen supplies were estimated at \$1,000 (US).

After four weeks of searching, they have taken a house just two blocks from the American school in Bogota. Whole blocks of the business section of the town are demolished, and there are many shortages, giving inflation free reign.

Prospects for Baptist work there are encouraging. The radio program is on the air again, having been suspended for five months after the Revolution. The people have had their faith in Roman Catholicism shaken, giving the missionaries an opportunity to reach the people.

In Colombia as a whole Baptists are advancing. The Riddells request our prayers and ask that we support world wide missions. Write to them at their address: Apartado Aereo 4742, Bogota, Colombia, South America.

Editor's Note: Mr. Riddle formerly served as pastor of West Laurel church.

In presenting the report of the Special Committee to Study Business Affairs of the Convention Board, and to make recommendations to the Convention Board for more efficient and larger work to the annual meeting of the Convention Board the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Frank Moody Purser, stated that he was certain that neither he nor other members of the Committee questioned the motives of any of our brethren who raised questions or of those who answered questions. He further stated that he believed great good would result from the study which had come about because of questions asked. This Committee was appointed at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The report emphasized the fact that the Convention Board has been operating on plans that were made in days when the work involved a mere fraction of the detail and financial program that we have today. The report follows:

**Report of Special Committee Appointed to Study the Business Affairs of the Convention and to Make Recommendations to the Convention Board for More Efficient and Larger Work**

After hearings and investigation covering two days, and during which your committee heard from every Mississippi Baptist who desired a hearing before it, and based on its findings and the con-

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## Hardships Behind Iron Curtain Described By One Who Knows

EDITOR'S NOTE: For obvious reasons, the author of the following article must remain anonymous. The story was given to Rev. Otto Nallinger, Baptist relief representative in Germany, and relayed to the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans for release to Southern Baptists so they may have an idea of the conditions that exist in Russian occupied Germany.

By: Mr. X

**SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIAN ZONE OF GERMANY**—During the past harvest season many people went to the wheat fields to glean the harvested fields in order to find a few kernels of wheat. A day of back breaking effort often results in only a few pounds of wheat. People also went to the harvested potato fields, digging around in the ground for a few potatoes which the farmer might have missed. Many of these people arrive evenings. They sleep out of doors, near the fields, all night in order to be first among the seekers when dawn breaks on the eastern horizon.

Special privileges to eat at the Russian sponsored feeding centers are given only to those who work in highly productive factories and then only those are considered who pledge allegiance to Communism. People who take a stand against communism can rot in their misery so far as the Russians are concerned.

The issuing of ration cards is at present varied and very irregular. The reason given by the Russians for this irregularity is the need of groceries for Berlin. There seems to be an attempt on the part of the Russians to make the German population of the Russian zone believe that they (the Russians) are feeding all of Berlin. Ration cards are only issued as groceries are available in the stores. Only such items appear on the ration card as are in the stores. Because of this the housewife can never know just what she might be able to buy tomorrow. The German population in the Russian zone must often go a whole month without meat or fat of

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## HOME BOARD APPOINTS 20 NEW MISSIONARIES

### Adopts \$1,370,000 Budget—Plan Work In Alaska, Kansas

#### DP's Beg For Safety Says Dr. G. W. Sadler

"A world divided between communistic and democratic principles is only a part of the great international crises," said Dr. George W. Sadler, European representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in his Missionary Day address at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary December 2.

"While we wait, hoping and praying that the two parts of God's one world will not come together in a head-on collision, millions sit in the grossest kind of spiritual darkness, millions suffer from physical want, and millions live in an atmosphere of appre-

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In its annual meeting, December 2-3, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention re-elected G. Frank Garrison, president, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence executive secretary-treasurer. Other general officers of the Board were re-elected.

An operating budget of \$1,370,000 was adopted. Appropriations were made for the Home Mission Board to begin work in Alaska and Kansas, new territory added by the Southern Baptist Convention in its Memphis session.

The city missions program of the Home Mission Board revived 50 dead churches, organized 168 new churches, and bought or built 240 new church buildings.

In direct missions there were 20 additional missionaries appointed and 14 new fields opened during the year.

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## Put The Baptist Record In Your Church Budget



## COMMITTEE O. K.'S WORK

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stantly enlarging work of Mississippi Baptists, your committee submits the following report and recommendations.

Your committee has received explanations of all questions propounded for study, and is satisfied that there has been no action on the part of any executive employee or department head of the Convention Board involving more than mistakes made in the details of administration of the affairs of the Board, which have been mere mistakes of judgment rather than deliberate abuses of discretion so far as your committee is able to determine.

However, the system under which we have operated is to some extent a hold-over from the days when our work involved a mere fraction of the detail and financial program that we have today, and consequently, your committee feels that with due respect and recognition of action already taken by the Convention affecting some of the matters hereafter mentioned, the following recommendations will tend to strengthen the work, lighten the load on the personnel and make for better understanding and co-operation from all those interested:

1. REVIVAL MEETINGS AND HONORARIUMS. Being cognizant of the fact that the question has been settled by action of the Board, for the time being, your committee desires to go on record as recommending that the next meeting of the Board fix the number of honorariums to be retained by convention board employees at four in any year, and that any others received during any year be channeled into the Cooperative Program, and that salaries of such employees be increased to whatever extent such action renders necessary.

2. DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS. That when the Board has made appropriations to specific departments or phases of the work, no part of such appropriations shall be changed or charged to another department or phase of the work except on authority of the Board itself.

3. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE. That the Executive Secretary's office be placed on a definite budget on a similar basis to other departments in the work.

That the base salary of the Executive Secretary be increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per annum, in addition to present expense items allowed, amounting to \$100 per month.

That there be set up for use of the Executive Secretary a contingent fund in a sufficient amount to enable him to carry out his customary promotional work, such fund to be expended in his discretion in the work of the Board.

That such salary and such contingent fund both be set up as budget items in the department, and that as previously provided by the Convention, such budget be charged to the Cooperative Program.

4. SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS. That in addition to the action already taken by the Convention, all special campaigns in connection with the work shall bear all their direct expenses out of the receipts of such campaign.

5. CHURCH BUILDING AND PASTORAL AID APPROPRIATIONS.

(a). That all appropriations for church building aid shall lapse unless paid in one year, and shall not be thereafter paid unless, at the time such appropriation is made, it be understood that such appropriation may be paid within a specified additional time to be then fixed by the Board.

(b). That in addition to action already taken by the Convention, the Executive Committee shall not make ad interim appropriations for any purpose above the regularly adopted budget, except in emergencies and then only out of surplus funds already accrued.

6. RESERVE ACCOUNTS. That no reserve funds established by the Board shall be withdrawn except on authority

## CLINTON PASTOR



REV. NOLAN M. KENNEDY

Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, pastor of Clinton Baptist Church, will bring the inspirational message to the State Training Union Convention which meets at First Church, Jackson, on December 28. Mr. Kennedy is scheduled to speak at 11:30 a. m.

of the full Board, either in regular session or by written poll.

7. BAPTIST RECORD. That from profits accruing from publishing of the Baptist Record, a reserve fund be established in a sum never to exceed \$2,000 to be used only for emergency Baptist Record purposes on authority of the business manager, and that any other profits from such operation be semi-annually divided equally between State Missions and Mississippi Baptist Radio promotion.

## 8. TRANSPORTATION.

(a). That members and employees of the Convention Board travelling at Board expense submit itemized mileage statements monthly, and be reimbursed at the rate of 6c per mile when driving a car which is privately owned. Executive or department heads using cars or other vehicles owned by the Board are to be reimbursed only on submission of itemized monthly statements of actual expense incurred.

(b). That all vehicles or means of transportation used by employees of the Board in the work of the Board, whether privately owned or Board owned, be sufficiently covered by liability insurance to protect the Board and that the matter of a blanket non-ownership policy be investigated.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a). That no member of the immediate family of any department head or executive employee be employed by the board;

(b). That in view of the constantly increasing receipts in connection with the work, the bond of the Executive Secretary be increased from \$15,000 to \$30,000, and that the bond of the head bookkeeper be fixed at \$5,000 and that of the first assistant bookkeeper at \$2,500.

(c). That the sum of \$50,000 now to the credit of the State Missions Reserve Account be ordered invested in easily convertible government securities, and the interest therefrom be credited back to said account and when accumulated in sufficient amount likewise invested;

(d). That a detailed explanatory statement of proceedings of the annual Board meeting and of ad interim meetings of the Executive Committee be promptly published in the Baptist Record.

F. M. Purser, chairman; Henry Edmonds, G. C. Hodge, F. K. Horton, Wayne Todd, J. Reese Rogers, Harry Smallwood.

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Mrs. Troy Sandifer recently sent a list of new and renewal subscriptions from Issaquena Church.

## DP'S BEG FOR SAFETY

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hension and fear," declared Dr. Sadler. Africa Going Communist.

He stated that letters have come to his desk from missionaries in Nigeria, Africa, informing him that Africa is going communistic by the hour. "Thus it has come about that we must combat not only primitive paganism and Mohammedanism, but also the communism of Marx and Lenin and Stalin," said Dr. Sadler.

Turning his attention to the plight of displaced persons and refugees throughout Europe, Dr. Sadler reminded his audience that there are approximately 230 million hungry and homeless children in the world.

"During the London Conference the Baptist displaced persons begged us to get them out of their terrible predicament saying that the Germans hated them and that if war were to come, they would be the first to be killed by the Russians," Dr. Sadler said.

## World Groping, Confused

He pictured the people of the world as groping, confused, and desperately in need of something to believe in. According to Dr. Sadler, thousands of Christian laymen and many pastors living in the iron curtain countries have been kept from starving, freezing, and from nakedness almost entirely by Christian friends in America.

"Southern Baptists are trying to stabilize and save this situation through their missionary program at home and abroad," Dr. Sadler outlined briefly the Foreign Mission Board's suggested program of advance which envisions a staff of 1,750 missionaries and an annual budget of ten million dollars.

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Among recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record were: Roger Burkett Speed, Geneva Clark, David Herrin, Iva Jean Speed, Jean Clair Stubbs, Floy Blanche Speed, Judy Huff, Vivian Eve Spell, Elizabeth Pickering, Lynette Broome, Jeff Speed, Willie Burl Mathis, James Valentine, Linda Jordan, Norflet Sullivan, Mary Ruth Speed, Annie Lois Harvey, Georgia Herrin, Catherine Grantham, Kenneth Allen Thames, Jane Spell, Pat Pickering, Charles Grantham, Kirby Thames, Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Mrs. Marvin Broome, and L. D. Valentine, of Collins; H. F. Williams, Laurel; Jack J. Cranford, Waynesboro; Nolan M. Kennedy, Clinton; Vernon H. Cowsert, Hermosa Beach, Calif.; Marvin L. Grubbs, Kossuth; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lawrence (Clinton); Rev. J. H. Lane, Matee; Jesse L. Boyd, Sr., Clinton; J. A. Barnhill, Jackson.

The Christmas Cantata, "The Birth of Christ" will be given Dec. 19, 1948 by the choir of the East Moss Point Baptist church, with Mr. R. E. Perkins directing and Miss Maggie Smith, pianist.

His many friends will sympathize with Dr. L. A. Myers, editor of the Baptist New Mexican, a native of Mississippi, whose brother, Robert C. Myers, died a few days ago at his home in Jackson.

The Southwide Executive Committee reports that Mississippi contributed a total of \$24,256 during the month of November through the Executive Committee. Of this amount \$21,488 was for the Cooperative program objects. Receipts from all the Southern Baptist states for the month totaled \$636,591.

Believers with Bible-inspired love for the entire lost world meeting in private homes, poorly equipped buildings, or even in barns, bid fair to bring greater blessings to the world than Baptists meeting in the most beautiful air-conditioned buildings, yet indifferent to the cries of unevangelized millions. . . H. Lee Middleton in The Teacher.

## HARDSHIPS BEHIND IRON

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any kind. In its place they sometimes get a little of a poor grade of cheese which is made from skimmed milk.

## Animal Fats Not Used

On paper they are to receive seven grams of fat a day. But the German housewife has not received these seven grams for many a day. Animal fat is something which is not even thought of these days.

Children up to one year of age receive 1-8 pint of milk a day and children between 1 and 2 years receive 1-4 pint of milk a day. Anyone over two years of age receives no milk at all.

Flour received is of a very poor grade. Instead of flour, ground oats is often distributed. When this is not available, seeds of various sorts are ground up to serve as a substitute. Bread contains a large amount of water in order to give it some weight and the flour used for bread is heavily mixed with oats, turnips and legume.

Eggs have not been seen by the population for months.

Each person received 140 kg. of potatoes recently for the winter months. This, in and of itself, is a reasonable ration. But it is not enough in view of the fact that there is hardly anything else to eat.

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## NEWTON CHURCH BURNS

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about one thousand members will be housed in a \$160,000 edifice. The ground-breaking ceremony for the new building was held a few months ago.

The Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor, has served the church for the past twelve years, and for ten years a building fund campaign has been underway. The building program will be pushed to conclusion now.

In the meantime, the congregation, which also included many Clarke College students, teachers and personnel, will probably worship at the Clarke College chapel, with some services at the high school auditorium, and at the Methodist church here.

The church records including the membership roll were saved since the church clerk kept the records in his possession and not in the church. Sunday School records were rescued from the fire by the janitor.

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## HOME BOARD APPOINTS

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making our total home mission personnel 730.

The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, reported a circulation of 116,000, and the education department reported 130,000 volumes of home mission books circulated during the year. There were 776,000 people enlisted in mission study through the schools of missions program.

In Cuba, "the work is marked by a rising tide of evangelism," reported Herbert Caudill, superintendent. Sunday school enrollment, he said, was greatly increased and the goal set to double Sunday school enrollment in Cuba by 1950. One Cuban church has eight mission Sunday schools.

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Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, retired missionary, of 106 N. Johns Street, Corinth writes that he has 40 copies of the Missionary Family Album for sale. These were left over from the State Convention. The album contains over 750 photographs of our Foreign Missionaries with biographical sketches of each one. It is the "Who's Who" of the Foreign Mission Board. The price is \$2 and may be ordered from Mr. Pettigrew at the above address.



# Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

**I**

The Convention Board lost from its membership this year some outstanding men. One was removed by death, two moved from the state, and all others were either from moving out of the given association or from the 6 year constitutional limitation recently imposed. Most of them were stalwarts and all of them good men. They are: H. B. Boutwell, J. J. Burson (deceased), H. M. Collins, H. L. Rhodes, John D. Davis, W. D. Gooch, E. S. Flynt, J. F. Brock, F. M. Parser, J. L. Moore, W. D. Cole, R. D. Pearson, Varda Smith, Claud Bowen (removed residence), E. J. Caswell (removed residence), M. P. Jones, J. E. Cranford, C. O. Daniels, M. E. Perry, S. P. Powell, W. L. Day, A. G. Graham, Paul Ball and Jack J. Cranford.

**II**

Coming into the Convention Board are some of the very finest men for which we are thankful. They stand in places of unusual opportunity. We appreciate the added fellowship we will have with them in this place of service. They are thoroughly able to lead Mississippi Baptists to new heights of conquest for Christ. Our new members are: B. T. Bishop, Charlie Treadway, D. D. Satterwhite, H. M. Brooks, Paul Townsend, Charles S. Henderson, John Dearing, M. S. Varnado, B. W. Jones, G. O. Parker, Marion W. Perry, W. T. Douglas, J. R. Davis, Herman Milner, Carey Cox, M. D. Morton, Chester Moulder, C. C. Weaver, J. H. Cothen, O. P. Estes, F. L. Fair, E. D. Estes, Luther K. Turner, and G. A. Hall.

**III**

We have a large group of experienced and capable men left on the Board. Experience always counts. We are sure these men will join with the incoming group in fashioning a great expanding and forward looking program in the work of Christ. Members remaining on the Board this year are: J. B. Middleton, W. L. Meadows, John W. Landrum, Fred Bookler, D. S. Haworth, S. R. Woodson, R. E. Brigrance, T. R. Coulter, James C. Monroe, R. C. Holcomb, L. D. Sellers, Fred Mosley, G. E. Wiley, S. B. Harrington, R. E. Gardner, Joe Hudson, N. W. Cox, B. E. Phillips, Virgil Ratcliff, J. D. Thompson, A. L. Gatewood, C. W. Thompson, C. B. Hamlet, III, R. W. Martin, H. L. Martin, J. B. Hemphill, G. W. Smith, J. W. Vassar, W. B. May, H. D. Jordan, H. H. Aultman, E. A. Morris, J. D. Ray, L. G. Sansing, Wayne Alliston, F. K. Horton, J. B. Smith, W. S. Hardin, Kermit Canterbury, C. J. Smyly, A. R. Smith, H. A. Scott, M. H. Barkley, K. R. Cofer, Webb Brame, and J. R. Keedy.

**IV**

Several brethren have asked us for a service here and there for 1949. With appreciation we asked them to write us after we got our 1948 engagement book. We have had it for several days and already engagements are being entered. We will now be more than glad to hear from them and others.

**V**

For the first time in many years Mississippi Baptists have voted to send as much as 45 per cent Co-operative Program receipts to causes beyond the state. At the same time it was voted to make it 50-50 in 1950. That means 50 per cent going outside the state and 50 per cent Co-operative Program receipts working for Christ inside the state. That is progress that makes for victory! Doxology!

Now our churches need to match this forward step by raising their Co-operative Program distribution toward the 50-50 goal—50 percent kept by the church and 50 per cent of all contributions sent to causes beyond the local church. That is consistency! Do we want the 50-50 goal for others, or do we want it for ourselves?

**VI**

A preacher student from an adjoining state told us of a pervert who is a preacher. This pervert went through the countryside saying if one designated \$100.00 for Foreign Missions only about \$7.00 reached the mission field. The truth is that all the \$100.00 is sent along if designated. Not even the postage for sending it is deducted. We need some good preaching against lying!

In John 16:13 Jesus says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit helps a spiritual person distinguish between a lie and the truth. A spiritual person will not believe every lie walking down the road. He has spiritual discernment and of the Spirit recognizes the truth. We may thus classify ourselves!

In the Co-operative Program dollar—that is divided among the various causes—Foreign Missions gets right at 18c! If you want Foreign Missions to get 18c out of every dollar and at the same time help other causes of Christ give through the Co-operative Program! If you want to give 100c of the dollar to Foreign Missions designate to that cause and it will get it every cent! Doxology!

**VII**

For the first time in many weeks we were able to attend prayer meeting at our own church. The pastor spoke helpfully from Psalm 37:1-9. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noon-day. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." It was a message to the heart of our secretary, and to the hearts of others! Doxology!

**VIII**

From the first until now we have carried at the head of this column the phrase, "Love never fails." I Corinthians 13:8. Have you tried it? "Love never fails." God says it and it must be true! The Bible carries it so it must be true! "Love never fails." None of us love enough. Christians will love! Satan's children will hate! "Love never fails." "The greatest—is love."

**IX**

Southern Baptists Make Record Gains in 1947

Porter Routh, Secretary  
 Department of Survey, Statistics, and  
 Information, Baptist Sunday School  
 Board

Southern Baptist churches in 1947 reported more baptisms, enrolled more people in Sunday School, Training Union Women's Missionary Societies, and Brotherhoods, and gave more money for all causes than any year in their history. The 285,152 baptisms reported by the churches exceeded the previous high of 269,155 baptisms reported in 1939. However, since the membership has grown since 1939, the ratio between members and baptisms is not as favorable. In 1939, one baptism was reported for each 18.3 members. The ratio was one for each 22 members in 1947.

California reported the best record in baptisms, one for each 6.4 members. Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, New Mexico,



ONE OF THE HEROES of the Southern Seminary Alumni Chapel campaign is J. A. Fields, Montgomery, Ala., business executive, whose \$87,000 donation to the seminary was used to acquire a three-acre addition to the campus and provide the ideal location for the chapel building. On his first visit to the Seminary recently, Mr. Fields (right) assisted President Ellis A. Fuller in the laying of a brick in the outside wall of the Seminary's new guest house, which is located on the newly acquired grounds.

and Oklahoma were all below the one for each 20 ratio. There were 4,403 churches reporting no baptisms, compared with 5,996 in 1946.

Sunday School enrollment passed the 4,000,000 mark for the first time. A record increase of 265,781 pushed the total enrollment to 4,004,705, a 7.1 per cent gain during 1947.

The 16,222 Vacation Bible schools reported an enrollment of 1,328,798, a gain of 273,112 for the year.

Training Union enrollment gained 125,049, the largest gain ever reported in one year, to reach 927,908. The increase amounted to 15.6 per cent.

W. M. U. enrollment climbed 93,645 to reach 761,907. Membership in Brotherhoods increased 25,734 to make the present total 97,146.

Total membership in the 26,764 churches is now 6,270,819. It is estimated that 22 per cent of this is non-resident.

The number of churches with preaching only one time each month decreased from 7,327 to 6,558. The number of churches with preaching services each Sunday increased from 10,110 to 11,133.

Total gifts for all purposes to the churches during 1947 amounted to \$132,162,846. Of this amount, the churches spent \$103,690,832 for local expenses, and \$28,472,014 for missions, education and benevolence. The per capita increase in giving has nearly kept pace with the per capita income since the bottom was reached in 1933. Since that date the per capita income in the Southern Baptist Convention has increased an estimated 300 per cent. The per capita gifts for all causes have shown an increase of 275 per cent since 1933. The average Baptist church member gave two and one-half per cent of his income in 1933 compared to two and one-third per cent of his income in 1947.

Value of all church property climbed \$53,776,873 in 1947 to reach a total of \$366,830,652. Some of this increase represents new buildings. The balance represents increased valuation placed on church property by the congregations.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 5, 1948		
Jackson, Van Winkle	430	240
Jackson, Northside	489	145
Jackson, Parkway	703	248
Parkway Chapel	83	35
Jackson, First	1173	379
Jackson, Elaine	123	77
Byram (Hinds County)	124	96
East McComb	413	207
Crystal Springs	693	130
Laurel, First	530	130
Laurel (Second Avenue)	419	95
West Laurel	456	99
Glenfield (Union County)	54	34
Brookhaven, First	873	224
Sharon (Jones County)	125	67
Bruce	233	70
East Moss Point	167	85
Corinth, Tate Street	229	71
East Columbia	84	27
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	77	50
Gulfport, First	637	139
DeLay	41	22
Houlka	89	33
Durant, First	190	100
New Albany, First	527	166
Including Mission	573	200
Poplar Springs (Simpson County)	80	
Greenville, Second	188	100
South Laurel	110	42
Friendship (Jackson County)	41	51
Hattiesburg, Main Street	838	234
Friendship (Pike County)	164	61
Grenada	526	99
Calvary Church (Pike County)	99	59
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	92	86
Jackson, Paul Truitt Memorial	72	34
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	332	132

Rev. Paul Z. Ball, Pastor of Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, has set an example that will probably stand for a long time. It is the hope of the Baptist Record that many other pastors will do likewise. He recently asked for a list of Record subscribers of his church. They were sent and after checking over the membership list he found that there were more than 100 names that needed to be sent. The Baptist Record is in favor of all such.



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## Add This To Your Christmas List

Most people, at this time of the year, are thinking about what to give for Christmas presents and to whom to give Christmas presents. May we suggest one person who deserves one and who would greatly appreciate one—the pastor.

At this Christmas season we suggest that each family take some token of love to the pastor. We are not thinking of something expensive but a love gift. Nor are we suggesting that the church make up an offering among the members. This should be done in many cases. But it would make the givers happy and bring an expression of joy to the faces of pastors if the families of his church would give some simple present as an expression of their love and appreciation.

—BR—

## It Was Different In Jackson

Editor John Jeter Hurt of the Christian Index (Ga.) in an editorial in last week's issue of the Christian Index wonders why the Baptists are so completely ignored by the Atlanta newspapers. We know how he feels for when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Baltimore in 1940 the Baltimore papers hardly mentioned the Convention.

We are glad to state that the Jackson papers gave excellent coverage to the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Front page space was freely given and reporters were on hand for almost all of every session. Before the ballots were counted for the convention president a staff photographer was on hand to make the pictures of the newly elected officers.

We have read many of the daily papers of the other states in the Southern Baptist Convention and without having made a careful check give it as our opinion that Jackson papers give as good if not better coverage than any other

paper in SBC territory.

We sympathize with our Georgia friends and hope that the Atlanta papers will soon discover that Baptists are really on the map. But read below what Editor Hurt says about the mistreatment of the Atlanta papers:

One of these days, some way or other, we hope to find the answer as to why we Baptists are so completely ignored by our Atlanta newspapers. Somebody should make a protest and this is ours.

The Georgia Baptist Convention represents more than 600,000 persons. That's larger than any other denomination in the state. Yet, we can assure you that the three-day session last week drew far less newspaper attention than will be suffered by any other denomination. None will, or can, get less.

Reports on Wednesday's and Thursday's sessions were confined to a half dozen paragraphs by both the dailies. One didn't bother to report the Thursday session at all.

No news? That's not the answer. It paved the way for acquiring title to a college, doubled the size of its Executive Committee, and transacted other business of importance.

What about the addresses? We thought them fine. Regardless, there was the president of another state convention, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a college president, a seminary president and others of equal importance on the program. Common sense reveals they said something worth reading.

We Baptists were ignored so completely that our resolutions committee didn't so much as bother to express the routine appreciation to the newspapers—not that they care.

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## Vigilance is Vital

Vigilance is vital in the maintaining of ideals in institutions. An analysis of one large University made from a questionnaire sent out by a former graduate 15 years after a class of 591 men shows how trends can deviate from the "Founding Fathers" and their ideals. Commenting on it, one editor says, "The very university from which the men came was founded on Christian, not just religious, principles. It was instituted for the purpose of grounding young men of high calibre not only in a thorough knowledge of the arts, but in a deep rooted and sound Christian philosophy of life. How far indeed has erring man taken such universities from their bedrock of theology to the quicksands of human philosophy! While only 273 of the 591 polled, replied, startling facts were discovered regarding the attitudes according to

the magazine, "Essex," from which we quote as follows:

"The data revealed that only 39 out of the 273 attended church once a week or more. More than half attend fewer than five times a year, and 17 said they had not been to any church since they graduated.

These erudite graduates give supposedly intelligent reasons for their lack of interest. Since their estimate of religion is defined in terms of the Golden Rule and Charity, they object to dogma. To them the church lacks significance in the world of today. What faith is sought at all is pursued in the traditional avenues of walking or gardening or private prayer. They heap up complaints as to the stuffiness and dullness of the church services and sermons. To most of them church is just plain boring, like stamp collecting or raising chickens.

The words of the ancient seer pronounce a Divine indictment upon our educators and upon those possessing diplomas from most of these colleges: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding." The emphasis of modern education is upon knowledge. Knowledge is indeed the treasure of the mind, but without discretion all knowledge is useless. The highest thing to achieve is wisdom. And the wise man further says that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of God.

It may indeed be one of the prime causes of general religious torpor that men in the pulpits try to deal with spiritual needs in terms of human knowledge and ideas. Go where God's Word is preached and where the hunger of men's souls is fed with the bread of life, where the thirst of men's minds is quenched in the flowing waters of the Word. All the knowledge of all the world is of no value without that wisdom whose beginning is in the fear of God!

Christian people do well to scrutinize results of schools they are asked to support, and all who give have a right to know fruits of the tree are good. Schools that are supported by Mississippi Baptists can be great assets in the Kingdom work, and their supporters delight in every spiritual evidence in the schools. Clarke College is this year attaining its 40th anniversary, and Mississippi Baptists will rally to help them observe this date in a worthy way, as well as to bring Christian education offerings in June.

—BR—

## Miss. Baptists Will Not Admit This

Rev. Clarence Walker, pastor of Ashland Avenue church, Lexington, Kentucky is one of God's stalwarts. He knows what he believes and preaches what he believes. It is natural for each pastor to feel that his church is the best and that his state is the truest to the faith.

In a recent issue of the Ashland Avenue Baptist, published by Ashland Avenue church and edited by pastor Walker we quote the following:

"I believe Kentucky Baptists are

the soundest in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of any group of Christians anywhere in the world. I do not think there is a man among us who denies the Deity and Lordship of Christ. These Kentucky Baptist churches and pastors believe and preach that the Lord Jesus is "God, blessed forever." They do preach, "Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." They know the Savior by an experience of Grace and that no man is saved except he known, "Christ Crucified." Their hope and trust is in the shed blood—the blood that was shed on Calvary's Cross and with which the atonement was made in Heaven. They believe in a real Hell and Heaven."

We cannot speak for other states but being well acquainted with Baptist affairs in three states and fairly familiar with the others, we do know that Mississippi is as free if not freer from Modernism as any other state. We recall only one Mississippi pastor who was tainted with Modernism and he was given thirty days to resign.

We believe in Mississippi Baptists.

—BR—

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

## Folly Comes Home To Roost

During the second world war, which followed the first world war and preceded the present "cold war," which is preliminary to the third (or vodka) war the United States government went to extreme limits to co-operate with the brewers in teaching the boys in the armed services to drink beer. The beer taught them to drink the stronger liquors.

The brewing trade was grateful. Speaking to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio on February 7, 1947, Mr. Kenneth Lair said: "Ten million GI's have learned to know and like beer much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to sell. Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had." (Brewers' Journal, March 1947).

And now for the aftermath:

A Washington dispatch, appearing in the Chicago Daily News of November 21, 1947, quoted Dr. Paul R. Hawley, Veterans' Administration Medical Director, as saying that Veterans' Administration hospitals are being seriously burdened with alcoholics and that the problem is "increasing by leaps and bounds." The average cost to the Veterans' Administration of maintaining one such patient is \$8.70 a day. The facts are not only surprising but particularly disquieting because as a rule the onset of alcoholism is far more gradual. — In The Arkansas Baptist.

—BR—

Rev. B. L. McKee has resigned the pastorate at Gallman and retired. However, he is available for supply work. His address is Gallman.



## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
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### A WEEK IN LEBANON ASSOCIATION

On November 9 the Lebanon Association W. M. U. officer's clinic was held at Fifth Avenue church. Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff, the Superintendent, gave the devotional. The Year Book was taught. Each of the associational officers taught that part of the book which pertained to her particular work. These were; Mrs. O. L. Harris, Community Missions; Mrs. Dan Holcomb, Mission Study; Mrs. A. J. Mayberry, Stewardship; Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Periodicals; Mrs. L. P. Smith, Young People's work. The Superintendent taught the rest of the book. After the lunch hour each associational officer held a conference with the local officers of each church relative to the work in her particular position. These conferences lasted one hour. The superintendent led a conference for presidents, circle chairmen and secretaries. Eighty women were present, representing sixteen churches.

One of the high lights of the year was the coronation service held at Woman's College on November 11. Miss Nell Taylor—our Young People's secretary had charge of this service. Mrs. L. P. Smith—associational Young People's Leader presented the eighty-three girls who were to be advanced. This yearly service has assumed such proportions that Woman's College auditorium is about the only adequate meeting place for such a service.

The Business Woman's Circles of Lebanon association met together at Main Street church November 12; to organize a Federation. Miss Edwina Robinson—state secretary—was there. Miss Brown spoke on the fundamentals of a federation. Miss Robinson directed a discussion period. It was then voted to organize the Lebanon Association B. W. C. Federation of W. T. M. U. a period of fellowship was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

**LEE C. CLINIC**—Mrs. L. H. Brannan, Secretary of the Lee Associational W. M. U. writes of the splendid meeting of Associational and Local W. M. U. Officers at Harrisburg Church. The Year Book was studied, plans for the promotion of the work in Lee Association were made and definite goals accepted.

### THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

A beloved Woman's Missionary Union leader, speaking to the women of her Association concerning the approaching Christmas Season, exclaimed: "Do you realize what Christmas means? I had been a Christian for many years before I really knew the

meaning of that most wonderful of all days, that wonderful of all verses in the Bible, John 3:16. This is how I learned the meaning of Christmas, the meaning of John 3:16.

God gave us three children,—two sons and a little daughter. It was His Will to take our little girl back to Himself when she was very little. But He helped us rear our sons to manhood. They were fine, clean, Christian men when World War I broke upon our country. One day I received letters from my sons, saying: "Mother, all our lives you have talked to us about the world, the world! Now we are told that we must fight to save the civilization of our world. We want to enlist." What could I write them except as I did, saying: "Your Mother is glad that you want to fight for the world. If she could, she would go, too. Since she cannot go to fight, she will promise you to sew and knit for the Red Cross, to buy Liberty Bonds and to send you away with a smile. You'll never remember your Mother's tears because you go to fight for the world."

They came home on that first furlough. We knew it was to be the last before overseas duty, but we didn't talk about it. What a happy time we had! The last morning came. We had family prayers together, as we had all through their lives; and then it was traintime. We had agreed that I would not go to the train, but would tell them goodbye at the garden gate. I went down the walk between my two fine sons, when, suddenly, the tears began to press hard against my eyeballs. I never did tell them goodbye. I whirled and went back to the house that they might not see the tears, now running down my cheeks. In my agony and need, I lifted my head toward Heaven and exclaimed: "Oh, God, if you will send my boys back to me, whole and strong I will serve you as I've never served you before." Then, as I waited, I heard God's voice, saying: "When I sent My Son into the world, I did not bargain with men. I knew that He would not come back to me until He had died on a Cross and been laid in a grave." Then, in shame, I bowed my head and prayed: "Oh God, whether or not you send my boys back to me, I will serve you all my days as I have never served You before, because I know, now, what Christmas cost You; I know, now, the meaning of John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." How much do you love the Lord? How much do you love the world for whom Jesus came on that first Christmas Night? How much love will be manifested in

### ERVIN BROWN ACCEPTS MURPHYCREEK PASTORATE



REV. ERVIN BROWN

Rev. Ervin Brown has accepted the pastorate of Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, an outstanding full-time rural church. Mr. Brown is a native of Columbus, Mississippi, and comes to the church from Bethany Church, Sturgis, Kentucky, where he served as pastor while attending the Louisville Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Brown, Sr. active workers in First Church, Columbus.

He and Mrs. Brown and 11 months old Nancy are now on the field, living in the parsonage. The pastor states that already they are learning to love their people, and rejoice at this opportunity to serve with a fine group of Christians.

They were given a very nice pantry shower by the ladies of the church. The church members are giving the new family a warm welcome and are working on improvements on the parsonage.

Mrs. Brown was formerly Ruth House of Millport, Alabama.

### ROBERT C. MYERS

Robert C. Myers, age 60, died at his residence in Jackson on Tuesday, November 30, of a heart attack.

Having recently moved to Jackson, Mr. Myers was an employee of the Jackson Wood Product Company. He had lived and operated a barber shop in Clinton for several years. He was a member of the Clinton Church, a veteran of World War I and a number of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Merle Watkins, Clinton; one step-son, E. C. Smith, Baton Rouge, La.; two brothers L. A. Myers, Albuquerque, editor of The Baptist New Mexican, and F. N. Myers, Hot Springs, Ark.; three sisters, Mrs. R. O. Traylor and Mrs. N. L. Franklin of Jackson, and Mrs. Mark Harris, Memphis, Tenn.

Funeral services were held in Baldwin Funeral Chapel with Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy and Dr. L. A. Myers officiating. Interment was in Cedarlawn Cemetery.

Rev. W. H. Baylor, whose address is the Homewood Apartments, Baltimore 18, Maryland, has written a very helpful book entitled "Some Notes for Young Preachers." Every young preacher should read this and Dr. Baylor offers to send a copy free to anyone upon request.

The Christmas Gift which we hope you will place in the enclosed envelope that God's Love may be known around the world?

### Wesson Church Observes Mission Emphasis Week Fairchilds Receive \$205

Wesson Church observed Missions Emphasis Week November 29-December 1. Three special services were planned for the blessing the church might receive and in order to give the people an opportunity to make a live offering to James Fairchild, missionary appointee to Brazil, whose home is in Wesson.

Two messages brought on the preceding Sunday by the pastor, W. C. Drummond, Jr., were preparatory to the missionary testimonies following. The morning message was on "The Spirit of Missions" and the evening message on "The Message of Missions." The guest speaker for Monday night was Dr. D. A. "Scotchie" McCall who spoke on "Spiritual Romances in South America." Tuesday's message was brought by Rev. John R. Maddox, Pastor of the Magnolia Church on "The Land of the Southern Cross." The climax of the services came on Wednesday night when Brother James Fairchild, pastor of Collins Church, gave his own testimony concerning his call to foreign missions service and Mrs. Fairchild brought a closing invitation in song. The guest speakers on Monday and Tuesday nights agreed to come receiving expenses only in order that the love offering might be given to the Fairchilds.

The love gift amounted to \$205. The Men's Bible Class is planning to present Brother Fairchild with a typewriter with Portuguese characters, feeling that it will enable him to do his work more effectively once he is on the field and has become familiar with the language.

Wesson is the birthplace of Brother Fairchild and the place where he received his education through the two years he attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. He returned from Mississippi College to serve as student secretary at Co-Lin for one year. Returning from the Southern Seminary he served a year as pastor of the Wesson Church, his first pastorate.

Mrs. Fairchild is a native of McComb and a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln. She is a favorite on the campus at Co-Lin and in the churches of Wesson where she has sung many times in student days and on return visits to Wesson.

### SYLVARENA ENROLLS 64 IN BTU STUDY COURSE

Sylvarena Church, Smith County, had 64 enrolled in the Training Union Study Course which has just closed. Miss Louise Hill, of the State BTU Department, directed the school and was assisted by the Rev. H. A. Hogan, of Bay Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, also of Bay Springs.

The Rev. J. E. Wills, of Newton, is supply pastor, since the church is pastorless. The people are carrying the work on in an excellent way.

One hundred Northern Baptist pastors, including C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, exchanged pulpits on November 14 with pastors of Disciples of Christ churches.

C. A. Smith of New Albany, clerk of the Union County Association, has sent the Baptist-Record a copy of the 1948 minutes. This is fast work as many of the associations do not yet have their minutes printed. The minutes are well prepared and the printing job is a good one. The next association is to meet on September 20-21. The first day's session is to be held at New Albany and the place for the second day is to be supplied.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

R. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### DECEMBER IS EXTENSION DEPARTMENT MONTH

During the month of December special emphasis is to be given to this very vital department of our Sunday school organization. We would like for every Sunday school in the state of Mississippi to do three things during this month of Extension Department emphasis. 1. Organize as Extension Department where needed; 2. Strengthen the one you now have; 3. attempt to enrol at least ten people in the Extension Department during December.

Living within the very shadows of our churches are hundreds of men and women who cannot avail themselves of the ministry of our churches. This vast multitude forms the army of shut-ins and shut-outs. Many of them are aged and sick, but most of them are forced to work on Sundays and at night, thus shutting them out from Bible study in our Sunday schools unless we provide it for them at a time and under conditions which they can accept.

Every Sunday school can and should have the ministry of an Extension Department to provide Bible study for those who cannot attend. The Extension Department is a vital and necessary factor in the ministry of the Sunday school. Its objectives are:

1. To reach every shut-in and shut-out in the community for whom the Department is responsible.
2. To enlist each one in regular systematic Bible study and prayer.
3. To win each lost one to Christ.
4. To lead each saved one to church membership.
5. To properly relate each one to all the church activities.

6. To lead each one into a proper relationship with God, especially in stewardship of life, talents, time, and financial resources.

8. To lead each home represented in the membership to establish a daily family worship period.

9. To seek to enlist prospects especially from the homes of the department members for the classes which meet on Sunday morning, and urge their attendance upon all the services of the church.

10. To create a genuine Christian fellowship.

We are counting on you, Brother Pastor, and Brother Superintendent to push the work of the Extension Department in your Sunday school.

### HINDS ASSOCIATION COMPLETES TRAINING SCHOOL

During the week of November 1-4 a most successful associational - wide training school was held in Hinds county. Mr. Jesse Daniel, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, directed the campaign. 17 of the 30 churches in the association cooperated in this effort. The book, TRUE FUNCTIONS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL was used as a basis for study.

Approximately 700 people were enrolled in the classes. These churches earned the following number of awards: Jackson Parkway, 95; Jackson Griffith Memorial, 53; Jackson First, 49; Van Winkle, 44; Jackson Calvary, 40; Siwell, 28; Jackson Elraine, 25; Clinton, 24; Jackson Southside, 22; Terry, 17; Raymond, 15; Bethesda, 13; Mt. Morgan, 10; Jackson Leavell Woods, 9; Jackson, Davis Memorial, 6; Jackson Alta Woods, 6; Edwards 4.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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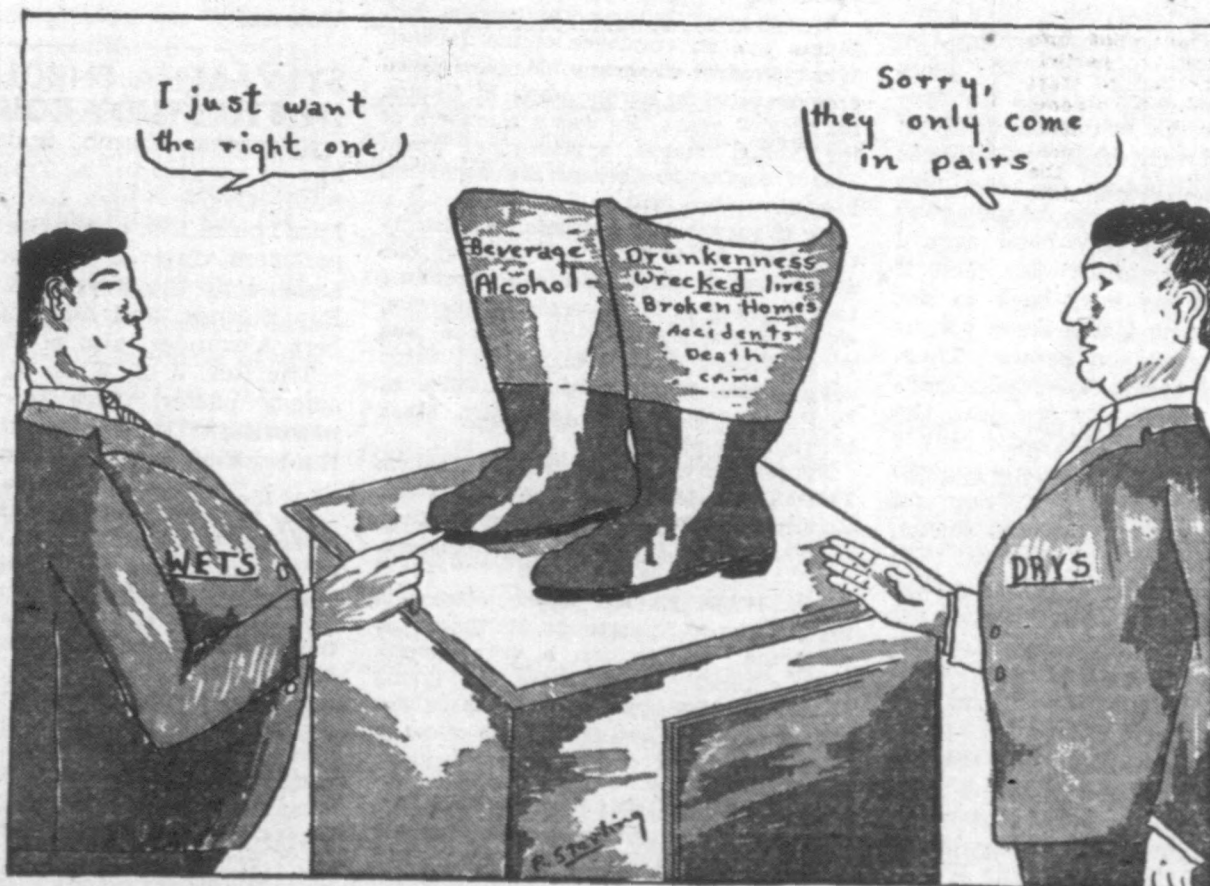
Pastor, Students, don't forget Student Night at Christmas in the home churches. The program materials have finally been mailed out and should, by this time, be in your hands. If you haven't received them, let us know. We have a limited supply of extras. . . . Greatly enjoyed and was blessed by being with the Belhaven BSU in a Methods Study Course recently. . . . Robert Guy, Manager of Ridgecrest, has promised to be at our State Retreat for BSU Officers next April 22-23. . . . We have the \$116.46 received at the Cleveland Convention for sending out our Summer Missionaries (shall there be three?) in '49. The campaign is on. Who'll be next? Well need probably \$1,500 or more for three representatives. . . . Is your campus having a drive for World Relief this week? Dec. 5-11 was the suggested date, but only the suggested date. If this is not a suitable one, set another one. Blue Mt. had their drive Nov. 6-15. Have your drive at some date, but be sure to have one. Surely no Christian, student or otherwise, would forget or neglect to help the needy of this world. . . . Nell Magee, Miss. College grad is the new BSU Secretary at Sunflower Jr. We heartily and cordially welcome her into our BSU Secretaries' Family. . . . State BSU Council meeting, Baptist Bldg., Dec. 27. More later. . . . Deadline on Retreat invitations, still Dec. 14. . . . Should we send some Miss. student to Stockholm next summer? 'Twill cost about \$1,000. . . . Sometime ago I received a good letter from Pastor Judson Chastain, of Poplarville, about their first Youth Revival. We praise

the Lord for the conversions and dedications of life. . . . A Student Secretary writes: "The work here is progressing, but oh, so slowly! Part of the trouble is lack of space, but most of it is lack of vision, deep-rooted (or rutted) conventional thinking." . . . God is not often the God of the spectacular. He works best through the commonplace. Cloudbursts are never as beneficial as the steady gentle rain. — William Ward Ayer. . . . The basic difference between physical and spiritual power is that men use physical power but spiritual power uses men. — Justin Nixon. . . . College Presidents have sent us these statements about BSU on their campuses, (all are State schools);

is doing a fine work here on our campus with the Baptist students" . . . "We feel that BSU is doing a fine work on our campus" . . . "let me tell you how much I appreciate the influence of the BSU on our campus. Its aims are worthy, its leadership effective, its influence Christian. May I congratulate you upon the fine service this organization is rendering". . . . " . . . is doing some wonderful work here for us and we are very proud to have him on our campus. We are not only proud to have him on our campus but we are proud for him to go out as a representative of . . . College. This is not only my opinion but it is the opinion of every student and faculty member on our campus who knows. . . and his lovely family."

## Department of Temperance Activities

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### 40 & 25 Years Ago

40 AND 25 YEARS AGO  
By Rev. J. L. Boyd Sr.

40 YEARS AGO  
The church at Richton closed a great revival with 62 additions to the membership. Rev. H. R. Holcomb of West Laurel assisted pastor T. J. Moore.

Pastor L. G. Gates of First church, Laurel, reports the ordination of Brother T. E. Waldrop who is serving the newly organized Kingston church.

25 YEARS AGO  
Pastor W. S. Landrum of the D'Lo Baptist church reports "the best meeting the church has ever had." Fifty persons joined the church, 38 of them being by baptism. Rev. H. L. Martin did the preaching and Rev. A. S. Johnson led the singing.

Bertha Walker reports that the Senior B. Y. P. U. of Magee has adopted the name "I. X. L." They have twenty five members and are determined to live up to the new name.

Twenty seven classes have been formed at the University of Mississippi for Bible study under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Pastor F. M. Purser meets every week with the leaders.

The Starkville church closed a revival meeting with 60 additions. Pastor J. D. Ray was assisted by Evangelist T. O. Reese.

The Winona church has called Rev. V. E. Boston as pastor.

General Omar Bradley said something a few days ago that should have made larger headlines and even the billboards: "We have too many men of science and too few of God" he declared. "We have grasped the mystery of the atom and neglected the Sermon on the Mount." — Jackson Daily News



## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL DECEMBER 31, THIS YEAR...

**TO FILE THEIR APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION  
IN THE WIDOWS SUPPLEMENT ANNUITY PLAN. ACT AT ONCE!!**

## Mississippi Baptist Pastors Should Act at Once!

"Dear Dr. McCall:

Thank you for our signed copy of the agreement by and between this Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the administration of the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan.

The certificates of participation are being prepared for those who have filed application for membership. I have to be out of the office the greater part of next week with our exhibit booth at the Texas Convention but I hope to complete these certificates and get them in the mail to you by the end of this week.

The plan provides that new members may enter the plan only on the beginning of the fiscal year of the plan, which is July 1, in Mississippi. WE WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR, TO JANUARY 1, 1949, DATING THEIR MEMBERSHIP FROM JULY 1, 1948. Any who may wish to enter the plan from January 1, 1949 to July 1, 1949, will have to wait until July 1, 1949, to begin participation. There is a 90 day grace period for the payment of dues, as you know, and any who wish to enter the plan for the first 90 days of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949 may do so and date their memberships as of July 1, 1949. After that period, new members cannot be accepted until the beginning of the next fiscal year. We do not require a physical examination and a year must lapse before the protection is effective, as well as having paid dues during that year.

Members of the Widows Plan transferring from another state may enter as of the date of the transfer continuing his participation through the Mississippi group. However, new members may enter only as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

M. ROPER, Registrar.

cc - Dr. Joe T. Odle

I hereby certify that the above letter is a complete and accurate copy of the original.

Signed: ERNESTINE COOPER, Office Secretary.

### A Special Letter To Mississippi Baptist Pastors

"All Aboard!" Fail to heed that warning call, and you suddenly awaken to the fact that you have missed the train. With a sinking feeling, you see it steam out of the depot, leaving you behind.

July 1, last, the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan went into effect in Mississippi, with scores of Baptist preacher brethren participating members. The next entering date for those who fail to start with the original group will be July 1, 1949, as new members can come into that plan on the anniversary date only. Anyone eligible for membership when the plan was inaugurated, July 1, 1948, suffers an inescapable penalty for each year of delayed participation. That is the only way to render fairness to those who came in on the opening date and have paid dues since then.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING: The Relief and Annuity Board will still accept new members in the Mississippi plan, dating their membership from the starting date, July 1, 1948, provided such individuals send in their membership application blanks before the end of the year, December 31, 1948, and pay dues back to July 1, 1948. With January 1, 1949, anyone wishing to enter the plan must wait the anniversary date, July 1, 1949, and suffer the penalty referred to above.

The enclosed booklet brings you interesting information I trust you will read carefully. Having decided to enter the plan, all you need do is sign the two application blanks enclosed, mailing them to your state secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Other information necessary for us will be filled out by the state office and the application blanks mailed to this Board in Dallas.

I remind you the protection thus offered is equal in value to life insurance costing in annual premiums several times what this membership will cost you per year. We believe it is the best protection we have ever offered our Baptist preacher brethren. The decision, of course, we leave with you.

Very sincerely yours,

WALTER R. ALEXANDER, Executive Secretary.

Write immediately to your Convention Board Office, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi, for three copies of the agreement form reproduced below.

### AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIDOWS SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUITY PLAN OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Administered by the  
RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

Being eligible to participate in the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan referred to above, by virtue of my membership in the

#### MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert Name of State)

I hereby agree to do so by paying, through the same channels and in the same manner in which I pay my dues in the Ministers Retirement Plan each year, in monthly installments, an amount equivalent to 1½ per cent of my total salary (maximum \$4,000), until, after reaching age sixty-five, I elect to become an annuitant, or until I am accepted by the Relief and Annuity Board as an annuity claimant on account of total and permanent disability. I further agree that, beginning with July 1st immediately following my sixtieth birthday, I will increase my payments from 1½ per cent of my total salary (maximum \$4,000) to 2 per cent of same, and, with July 1st immediately following my seventieth birthday, to 2½ per cent, should I wish to continue participation beyond that date. I agree further to abide by the conditions of membership and the terms as set forth in the Certificate of Participation.

As a basis for such participation, I submit the information below:

1. NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_
2. ADDRESS IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_
3. List all churches you are serving and salary paid by each:  

Name of Church and Association	Monthly Salary (Include 15% for parsonage where provided in Ministers Retirement Plan)
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TOTAL	\$ _____
4. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year, Month, Day)
5. My monthly dues will be \_\_\_\_\_
6. I herewith enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (State form of remittance: Draft \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Check \_\_\_\_\_)
7. Name of my wife \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of my wife's birth \_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of my death before entering upon an age or disability retirement annuity, I hereby direct the Relief and Annuity Board to apply the entire accumulations to my credit in the above mentioned Ministers Retirement Plan, known as Member's Credits, to help provide the annuity under the terms of the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, said annuity to be paid to my widow in monthly installments, ceasing with the last payment preceding her death or remarriage.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Participation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date on which I began paying member's contributions)

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## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

### 1948 Baptist Training Union Department Report

Auber J. Wilds, Secretary

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:28. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

The Training Union department again brings an encouraging report of the activities of the year. Our Theme for the year has been, "Follow Me" and we have undertaken to carry out this challenge in our planning and promotion. The Lord has blessed the work and we come to the close of the year humble and grateful for having had a part in the great program of world wide redemption.

### Church to Church Visitation Program

We set our faces to the task of having one of our workers spend at least one week in each of our associations during 1948. We came near the goal in this and are able to report a week spent in each of 50 associations. In 15 of these two or more weeks were spent. The major emphasis has been in church to church visitation, holding a two hour conference in seven different churches in each association. In some with additional workers more than seven churches were visited. The conferences in each case were on Training Union technique. In this program we reached 350 churches.

### Training Union Revivals and Leadership Schools

In 19 associations we held a Training Union Revival and Leadership School. In these, three of our workers usually participated each teaching one of the Leadership Manuals. The schools have been in a central church with other churches in the association sending their workers in. In this program we have reached leaders from 100 churches. The vital needs in all of our work is not only leaders, but efficient leaders. This is the third year we have emphasized the Leadership Schools and they had "paid off." Our reports show a much better quality of work being done in the unions.

### Enlargement Campaigns

Three Simultaneous Associational Enlargement Campaigns have been planned and directed this year. 47 churches have been reached in this effort. We are indebted to a fine group of pastors and other leaders who volunteered a week of their time to help in these campaigns. Many new unions were started and many additional workers enlisted.

### 16 Conventions

June, one of the busiest months we have and one of the most profitable, is the time for District Conventions. The conventions this year were up to par in every respect. The number participating in the various drills and contest reflected the good training that has been going on in the churches. Our State Convention will be held December 28 at First Church Jackson. The entire afternoon will be given to "Department Conferences." Our theme for the State convention will be our Southwide Theme for 1949 "Found Faithful."

### 7 Youth Rallies

The week of October 9-16 was given to seven great Youth Rallies. This was

the first time we have had this program. It was our pleasure and privilege to have Mr. Maines Rawls of Nashville with us. Hundreds of young people found their way to these meetings and received a blessing. They were one night meetings except for one Sunday afternoon.

### Associational Officers Clinics

One of our annual events is to call all associational officers together for a one-day clinic. This year we had this meeting in three parts thus bringing it nearer the workers. The program was the same in each. Grenada, Meridian, and Brookhaven were hosts to these meetings. Mr. Leonard Wedel, Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn, and Miss Thelma Arnote of the Nashville offices helped in the programs.

### New Unions and Study Course Awards

Five hundred eighteen new unions have been organized this year in the state. This many have asked for free literature which is always available for each newly organized union. There were no doubt some organized who did not ask this favor, hence the number would exceed 518. This is the largest number of new unions ever reported in a year. We issued the largest number of study course awards this year that we have ever issued, 20,048. This is the first time we have reached the 20,000 mark.

### Change in Study Course rules

Beginning immediately the Sunday School and Training Union study course books dealing with the subjects of the Bible, Stewardship, Soul-winning or evangelism, will be acceptable for credit in either department. In other words you can teach any one of the books and those taking it may get credit either in the Sunday School or Training Union.

### Bible Reading and Prayer Meeting Crusade

We continue our Bible Reading and Prayer Meeting Crusade. Our hope is that every union will seek to enlist the entire church in reading the Bible with us daily, and will also seek to enlist the entire church in Prayer Meeting attendance. We appeal to our pastors to use their training union in these two great projects.

### A Ten Year Record

We were astounded when we checked the record for the past ten years on number of new unions organized in Mississippi. 3,694 newly organized unions asked for free literature since January 1, 1939. Many were short lived but all brought a blessing. In this same period we have issued 140,556 study course awards in the state.

### Our Staff

Those giving full time to the work, and who played a large part in the work done, and the victory won, are the associates to your state secretary, namely—Misses Alene Johnson, Gladys Bryant, Louise Hill, Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, and Mr. W. C. Morgan. They are choice personalities, richly endowed.

—BR—

River Side Church, one mile north of Monticello on Wanilla Road, plans to dedicate the new church building in a dedication service on December 19 at 2:00 p. m. T. Harvey Hedgepath, a Jackson Lawyer and Christian layman, will bring the dedicatory message. The pastor is the Rev. E. E. Hedgepath.

## CLYDE L. DAVIS ACCEPTS ALTA WOODS PASTORATE



CLYDE L. DAVIS

Alta Woods church is extending a warm welcome to their new pastor, Rev. Clyde L. Davis and his family. The church is in the midst of a building program and faces the future with fine spirits in the center of one of the most rapidly growing sections of Jackson. The pastor and his family are living on the field.

Mrs. Davis is the former Thelma Haman of Lumberton, N. C. She attended the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, N. Y. and the Bible Institute at Providence, Rhode Island before enrolling at Clarke College. The Davises have two sons, Clyde Lee, Jr., four, and William Earl, two years of age.

The Alta Woods pastor served in the Navy for seven years. He was privileged to participate in some of the most significant and prominent events of historical importance during the last war, when he was serving on the ship that carried some of the international leaders to meetings of tremendous importance. He is a native of Natalbany, La., and attended Clarke and Mississippi Colleges. He comes to Jackson from a successful pastorate at the New Ireland church in Newton county, and has been pastor at Center Ridge and Sulphur Springs, also.

—BR—

## A Reader Writes

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Experience tells me that one never knows how many friends one has until friends are needed and a pastor never knows just how much his people love him until he is really in need of their outward expression of love.

During the past two months which I have spent in bed, I have learned that I really love my church people. Very few days have passed when no expression of love came to me either by mail or personally.

My soul is highly lifted as the inflow of cards, letters and love offerings come. Among the many friends who visited me with smiling faces and encouraging words are many of my preacher brethren.

I am deeply in debt to them, especially to Bro. Bryan Simmons, Bro. J. M. Foy and Bro. Gale Anderson, of Laurel and Ellisville, who are so splendidly and graciously taking care of my church work.

While limited to the confines of my bed for these months, because of a weak heart, I am limited in all my influences, save the influence of prayer. By the power of prayer I can go by way of Heaven and reach all my friends in a moment's time. Thank the Lord for the power of prayer. Sincerely and prayerfully, W. B. ANDERSON.

## SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI PLEDGE \$10 EACH ON EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

### Kennedy, Maddox, Basden Elected As Miss. Officers

The Mississippi Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary held its annual meeting during the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson in the form of a luncheon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Tuesday, November 16th. The featured speaker was Professor Joe Davis Heacock of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Seminary.

The group in session voted unanimously to encourage all former Southwestern students now residing in Mississippi to contributing \$10 each toward the completion of the new Religious Education Building. In addition all who were present made their individual pledges for this amount. Former Southwestern students desiring to fulfill their pledge or make their gift toward this cause may send their checks through the secretary of the association.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are: President, Nolan M. Kennedy, Clinton.; Vice-President, John R. Maddox, Magnolia.; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Harold G. Basden, Clinton.

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## Canton, First, Increases Cooperative Program Gifts

First Church, Canton, Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor, in the face of the recent adoption of a program to provide a complete educational building has increased its percentage to the Cooperative Program.

For the past several years, the church has been near the top in Cooperative Program and total contributions among all other churches in the state. And this recent action indicates the spirit of moving forward with all the work at the same time.

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## — BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

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**When Brotherhoods Should Meet**

Occasionally, we are asked the question, and usually by newly organized Brotherhoods, what is the best time for a Brotherhood to meet? If the question had been—how frequently should Brotherhoods meet?—it would be simple. We would say without hesitation that the more frequently a Brotherhood meets, the more far-reaching will be the results. While much good is being done by Brotherhoods meeting once a month, unquestionably more would be accomplished if these Brotherhoods could meet weekly.

But, on what night of the week should Brotherhoods meet? That is another question. Frankly, we do not know. There are approximately twenty-seven thousand Southern Baptist churches. Some of these churches are located in thriving industrial cen-

ters, others in agricultural sections. Some are in big cities, others in small towns and villages, still others are country churches. Some are full-time churches, others part-time.

The membership of these churches range from fewer than one hundred to nearly nine thousand. The adult male membership will range from fewer than twenty-five to more than two thousand men. To undertake to set a uniform meeting time for these men would be as impractical as it would be arbitrary. Such matters must be left entirely to the judgment of the individual church. The church is certainly in the best position to fix a meeting time which will bring about the best results for the whole program. This seems to us to be just plain common sense. We know it is thoroughly Baptist.

**Department of Church Music**

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**1949 MUSIC EMPHASIS**

By this time the new MUSIC EMPHASIS folder has reached all choir directors, pianists, organists and song leaders whose names are on our files. A folder also went to each pastor.

We are placing special emphasis on our Associational and District Music Festivals this year. The success of these Festivals depends on the co-operation from the individual church music leaders in organizing the singing groups (suggested in the new MUSIC EMPHASIS) to compete with other groups at the festivals; also in encouraging Hymn Players to enter the Hymn Playing contest which will be held at the same time as the singing groups. NOTE: This year both Hymn Players and Singers will compete at the same Associational Music Festival and the same District Music Festival.

The Associational and District Music Directors will begin to make plans immediately for the two Festivals. (We will be happy to publish in the Music Column of the BAPTIST RECORD the information about date, time, and location of each Festival if the Directors so desire.)

Go to work now on your singing groups, send us the names of them with your church and association. And if you have any questions about your Associational or District music work, write us and we will be happy to send you that information and help you all we can.

It is entirely possible that our mailing list lacks the names of some who should receive the new folder; if so, we want you to send us your names, your position, name of your church and association. We will send you a folder and place your name on our mailing list.

We are asking especially that you church musicians and pastors fill out the Music Information card which was enclosed in the letter sent to you recently from this Department and send it to us right away.

As we begin a new year in this particular phase of Kingdom Work, we want to keep Christ pre-eminent in our plans and programs. We want to

put renewed emphasis on and renewed zeal into our Mississippi Baptist Music Program. We want to continue building on the great foundation that our former Director laid for us. We want to lead Mississippi Baptists into a closer fellowship with the Lord through spiritual singing with grace in our hearts unto God.

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**Scott County Association To Have Called Meeting**

There will be a called meeting of messengers and interested people of the Baptist Churches of Scott County on December 19 at 2:00 p. m. at the Pelahatchie Baptist Church.

This meeting pertains to the matter of securing a By-County Missionary to work in Scott and Rankin Counties. The Rankin County Baptist will meet with those of Scott to discuss the matter. There will be an inspirational speaker for the occasion, so make plans, now, to attend this service.

Respectfully

Your committee: Aubrey Smith, Chairman; Felix Green G. W. Smith, R. Y. Gerrard.

—BR—

Pastor James H. Street and Second Avenue Church in Laurel are rejoicing over the unusual success of Building Fund Day, which was held on November 28. Approximately \$7,500 was raised on that day. This is more than half of the total amount that was put into the Building Fund last year. It is also significant that practically all of this \$7,500 was over and above the regular contribution.

—BR—

Mrs. B. F. Eubanks of Coila Church, Carroll County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Such cooperation helps the Baptist Record to continue above the 62,000 mark in circulation.

**Pleasant Grove Notes Changes**

Shown above is the attractive sign recently placed in front of Pleasant Grove Church, Grenada County.

Pleasant Grove Church, Grenada County, has made several changes during the past year.

Early in the Spring the church grounds were cleaned and shrubbery and flowers were set out around the church. A church sign has been placed near the road, as a gift to the church from the Young People's Department. The entrance of the church renovated, two Sunday School rooms have been added, a new floor was laid and new pews placed in the auditorium furniture and piano refinished. The church has also replaced the coal heating with kerosene.

Rev. Elgin West, who was pastor, resigned to accept the full-time pastorate at Derma.

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**Gospel Service Society Organized At Meridian**

In Meridian a group of men and women, conscious of the great opportunity of holding forth the Word of Life in print have banded themselves together under the name of Gospel Service Society. This group is composed almost entirely of Baptists and most of them of Fifteenth Avenue church, Meridian.

The main objective of the society is the spread of the word of God, evangelistic literature and tracts to needy places such as hospitals institutions, jails, missions and public places where it is accessible to the great masses of people and also to the churches that need this type of service, especially to small rural bodies.

The society also promotes Sunday school missions, both white and colored and supplies them with literature, Bibles, Gospels and tracts.

During the few months the society has been in existence thousands of tracts, Gospels and books have been distributed.

Among the members of the Advisory Board is Dr. Paul G. Horner, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue church. It is a non-profit organization and is supported solely by membership dues and free-will offerings. Anyone interested in the work of the society should write to T. W. Cobb, treasurer, 1507 17th Avenue or H. W. Taylor, 1719 17th Avenue.

—BR—

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Results of a city-wide church survey show that 92 per cent of local residents are church members, as compared with the national average of 53 per cent, it was announced here. According to the Rev. Ben F. Wyland, executive secretary of United Churches, 77 per cent of the population are members of Protestant churches.

**GOING PLACES**

BY A. L. GOODRICH

**McIVOR SENDS LIST**

The Baptist Record is greatly indebted to hundreds of consecrated Christians throughout the land for aid in enlarging the circulation. Among those friends is McIvor Church, Panola County. Mrs. R. W. Towels recently sent a list which represents 50 per cent of the resident families with the expectation that more names will be sent in a short while.

Record readers in Panola County are now listed as follows: Askew, 19; Batesville, 172; Como, 24; Courtland, 22; Crenshaw, 39; Easley Memo, 7; Enon 31; Good Hope, 34; Hebron, 23; Liberty Hill, 59; Lock Station, 7; McIvor, 9; Peach Creek, 58; Pharsalia, 17; Pilgrim's Rest, 33; Pope, 26; Sardis, 25; Tocowa, 28; Union 32; White Oak, 3.

**NATCHEZ**

The work at First Church Natchez, continues to grow under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. W. A. Sullivan.

Plans are in the making for an additional educational building. It is understood that more than \$50,000 is now available for this purpose.

Record readers in Adams-Franklin Association are now listed as follows: Immanuel, 11; Natchez, First 303; Natchez, West Side, 159; Bude, 51; Concord, 2; Damascus, 38; Hamburg, 23; Hopewell, 20; Lucien, 41; McCall Creek, 16; Meadville, 59; Mt. Zion, 25; New Hope, 7; New Salem, 26; Q'Zion, 26; Providence, 97; Quentin, 19; Ramah, 40; Roxie, 54; Sarepta, 32; Siloam 47; Spring Hill 15.

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**N. W. Carpenter Accepts Carmel-New Hope Pastorates**

The Rev. N. W. Carpenter of New Augusta has accepted a call to the Carmel-New Hope church field near Monticello. Services are held at Carmel Church on the second and fourth Sundays and at New Hope Church on the first and third Sundays. He succeeds the Rev. M. C. Nelson, who resigned to accept the Union Church pastorate.

Mr. Carpenter has held several pastorates in Louisiana and South Mississippi. He and Mrs. Carpenter are students at the New Orleans Seminary, where they will graduate this year. They plan to move into the New Hope pastorate a little later.

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**CALENDAR OF PRAYER**

December 13—George Moseley, Copiah Association BTU Director; A. L. Gatewood, Leflore County, Convention Board member.

December 14—Southwide Student Secretaries Seminar, Nashville; Joe Brumfield, Pascagoula, trustee, Baptist Foundation.

December 15—Dr. Arch Stacy, Tupelo, Blue Mountain College, trustee; Carroll Gartin, Laurel, Mississippi College trustee.

December 16—C. H. Lipsey, Brookhaven, Woman's College trustee; R. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson, Orphanage trustee.

December 17—James McCloud, Instructor, Physical Education; C. M. Day, Durant, trustee, Baptist Hospital.

December 18—P. M. B. Self, Marks, trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

December 19—G. W. Smith, Scott County, Convention Board member; Mr. Griffith, Union Associational B. T. U. Director.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Bracey Campbell  
Lesson For December 12

LETTERS IN THE BIBLE. Texts:  
Philippians: I Timothy: I John.

**I. The Epistles of the New Testament**  
There are 21 of them, 13 by Paul, if you do not ascribe Hebrews to him, Hebrews by an unknown author, one by James, two by Peter, three by John and one by Jude. These epistles are unique in literature. They are not the writings of cloistered monks, spending their lives in dreamy meditation; nor of shrewd ecclesiastics, absorbed in struggle for power and the glory of a great body of religious institutions. But the writers of these epistles were witnesses to a great fact which had completely changed their lives.

They had been born again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To tell that amazing fact to all men was their meat and drink, and with this gospel, this magnificent good news, they are busy turning the world upside down in order that they might get it right side up.

Among the means they employed to accomplish their mission was the writing of letters to individual friends of their work and little groups of believers they had formed in the course of their journeys. The letters were written, every one of them, to help their readers meet some crisis, to solve some problem, to deal with some situation which demanded attention.

These epistles, therefore, have all the freshness and vitality which results from the contact of their writers with concrete situations. They were not composed as letters between friends sometimes are, according to plan and at regular intervals; but as the occasion arose to meet some passing necessity, to give expression to some sanctified feeling or wish that possessed the writer's mind at the time.

But we have also this difference: Though each of these epistles was addressed to some particular person or group, they had contents which carried messages of living truth to people far other than those immediately addressed.

Paul's to the Romans expressed truth to the Romans, of course, but its teachings are just as fresh to us who live almost 2,000 years afterwards as they were to the original addressees. So with all the epistles, and herein they differ from ordinary letters. Paul wrote an epistle to Corinth, yes; but that epistle has messages to any church anywhere else in the world and through all the years during which the Lord shall delay His return to earth. They are written to you and me as well as to the Corinthians.

O my young brethren in the ministry, the epistles to Timothy and Titus bring God's instruction to you, too. Meditate their meaning day and night that you may become good ministers of Jesus Christ!

### II. Philippi and the Church There

It was a famous city in Macedonia, the northern division of Greece. One of the world's decisive battles had been fought there between the combined forces of Brutus and Cassius, on the one side, and those of Mark Antony and Octavius Caesar on the other, in the year 42, B. C., a battle which altered the course of Roman history and avenged the death of Julius Caesar.

Philippi was a Roman colony, a small reproduction of the imperial city of Rome. Of course, Paul had been directed to Philippi by the Lord, but the Lord had, where Paul was concerned, a way of directing His big little man to big places. Paul had the habit of carrying his gospel to seats of authority, to the strongholds of wickedness, to the

## Unity Ordains Burnis Parker

On Sunday, November 28, Unity Church, Jackson County, ordained Burnis Parker to the full gospel ministry. Mr. Parker was licensed by this church last year while Rev. Wallace Harrell was pastor.



Now a student in Clarke College, Mr. Parker is pastor of two half-time churches, Sardis Church in Sabastopol, and New Zion church near Walnut Grove. Mr. Parker is 24 years old, has a wife and three boys, ages five three, and six months.

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**NEW YORK—(BP)—**"The Rev. Jackie Robinson, Waco, Texas, Powerhouse" is the front cover slug line Sport Magazine used for the feature article of its December issue. Subject of the article is the Olympic-famed ministerial student in Baylor University, who has won national and international basketball honors. In addition to his basketball, Robinson finds time to win high marks in his studies—including Greek—and serve as pastor of Waco's Ninth Street Baptist Church and president of the Texas Baptist Student Union. This article is written by William T. Rives, a well-known Texas sports writer, and is illustrated with a full-color, full-page photograph of Robinson. Sports Magazine is one of the leaders in its field with a circulation of 600,000.

important people, that he might win key positions for the truth everywhere.

Here Paul had begun his European ministry by attending a woman's prayer meeting out by the river side, in a prosa, or place of prayer, where he was fortunate in leading a fine woman of character and business acumen to the Lord. She provided a home for the missionaries from which as a point of vantage they went out into the city to prosecute their work for the Lord, a work which brought them into conflict with the authorities of the city and led to their incarceration in jail, whence they were delivered by the Lord through means of an earthquake, through which the jailer was brought under conviction and was led to salvation.

The church at Philippi entertained a deep and abiding and helpful love for Paul. Philippians saints laid themselves out in helping Paul pursue his missionary work and, when at length, he was carried a prisoner to Rome, they made up a collection and sent it to him by one of their members. This action caused Paul to write this fine little epistle, the key-word of which is "Rejoice!"

### III. A Sample from the Epistle

1. Signature and address. Paul began this epistle as he did all of his, by signing first and then addressing it, and then expressing a good wish for his readers. He calls them "saints," a name which means a Christian.

2. He gives thanks for them and remembers them in his prayers, because they were doing well in their witness for the Lord. They had a share, a fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel.

3. He had confidence the Lord will hold them fast and complete the work His grace began in them when they were saved.

4. He prays for them that they may learn more and more to approve the things which are excellent, and be sincere, genuine, transparent in character, bearing the fruit of righteousness.

5. Look, now, at a great exhortation, I John 4:8. Someone has said this is the moral spectrum: (a) truth, (b) honor, (c) justice, (d) purity, (e) loveliness, (f) good report, (g) virtue, (h) praise. How I wish there were space to discuss them!

## Celebrate Christmas With the New Look

By Mrs. Ray McCool

Youth Leader, Unity Baptist Church, Attala Co.

As we approach this Christmas season and think of HOW we shall celebrate our Saviour's birth we should groom ourselves in the "NEW LOOK". Let's take a NEW LOOK at the real STAR of Bethlehem, JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

It was the custom at this season for all of the citizens to go into the capital city to pay their taxes, remaining for a few day's feast and revelry, which consisted of much drunkenness and immorality. These indulgences provoked God's wrath upon the people to such an extent that He could no longer accept their burnt offerings as an atonement for their sins; thus, nineteen-hundred and forty-eight years ago during one of the habitual celebrations in Bethlehem He gave the world a NEW LOOK. It was this great event—the birth of Christ—that gave to the world a NEW light whereby man should live.

These are the ones who continue to celebrate in the old way, they are 1948 years behind the fashion. They know nothing of real pleasure, real celebration or of real happiness because they have become so blinded by sin that they have not seen the Star of Bethlehem. Today, as then, those who are hasten to the STAR, who not only gives light but life as well.

Jesus's birth was the beginning of that NEW LIGHT which shines a little brighter each day because every day more people take on the NEW LOOK by accepting the NEW DOCTRINE.

We should at all times obey His commandments but more especially now as we seek ways to indulge in profitable pleasures during the nearing Christmas Holiday Season.

Let us not forget to minister to the hungry, thirsty, naked, and sick and imprisoned. And as we minister unto their physical needs let us not forget that there are many about us who are stumbling in darkness. Their only hope is through the light that leads to eternal life—THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Let's share the NEW LOOK during this season.

—BR—

## DECATUR CHURCH REPORTS 77 ADDITIONS

The Clarke - Venable Memorial Church, Decatur, John W. Cook, pastor had some interesting facts in their church letter to the Newton Association.

During last year there were 77 additions to the church, 31 of whom were by baptism. The church membership is 776, of which 389 are non-resident members.

Also, \$3,785 was given to all causes, \$1,818 of which was for missions.

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## Bible Reading Selections

Below are given the selections for the Thanksgiving to Christmas Bible reading program.

The selections will appear weekly until Christmas.

Day	December	Chapter
12	Matthew	13
13	Luke	14
14	Luke	15
15	Luke	16
16	I Corinthians	13
17	Isaiah	55
18	John	1

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## Rayford Moore Ordained By Macedonia Church

Macedonia Church Lebanon Association, has ordained Rayford Moore, 24 year old Clarke Memorial College student, to the work of the Gospel Ministry.



A council, in which Pastor Martin V. McKinster of Macedonia Church acted as moderator, met and examined Mr. Moore during the afternoon before the ordination.

Deacon Joe J. Walters opened the ordination service with prayer. The charge was given by the Rev. Q. C. Barrett, pastor of Green's Creek Church, and the Rev. J. P. Holcomb of Rock Hill presented the Bible. The Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor of Carterville and former pastor of Macedonia, delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. O. R. Moseley led in prayer before the ministers and deacons came forward to lay their hands upon the candidate.

Mr. Moore is pastor of the Tallawampa Church at Toxie, Alabama.

—BR—

## FELDER G. SMITH

Felder G. Smith, age 72, died at the Kings Daughter's Hospital on Nov. 4. Funeral services, with his grandsons acting as Pall bearers, were held in the Damascus Church, Franklin County, where he had been a member since he was a young man. Internment was in the Damascus cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma E. Wooley Smith, Lucien; three sons: Virgil and F. G. Lucien, and Vernon, Brookhaven; four daughters: Mrs. W. J. Smith, Port Arthur, Texas; Mrs. Harry Gilbert, New Orleans; Mrs. Claude Christian, Solphur, Louisiana, and Mrs. D. G. Newman, Dallas, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. B. F. Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. H. Stubbs, Louisville, Kentucky. He also leaves a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as a host of friends, particularly in Franklin and Lincoln counties.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes from Damascus Church to his wife and children.—Mrs. Sam aretoot reporter.

—BR—

## Clean For Christ's Sake

By Joe W. Burton

The fact that President Truman is a nonsmoker adds "immeasurably" to his good health, the President's personal physician told a newspaper reporter recently.

Chances of a coronary heart attack are lessened because Mr. Truman does not smoke, Brigadier General Wallace H. Graham pointed out. The President's life expectancy is thus definitely increased, the physician said.

The Trumans are a family of non-smokers, Dr. Graham reveals.

An earlier occupant of the White House U. S. Grant, died of cancer of the mouth caused by his incessant smoking, it is commonly reported in medical circles.

If important rulers safeguard their health by refraining from the tobacco vice, how much more important is it that servants of the King refrain!

Brethren, let's keep our bodies clean from nicotine's poison, for our health's sake, for our family's sake, and for the sake of our Christian influence.



## Sparks & Splinters

For the benefit of all concerned: There will be no issue of The Baptist Record on December 30. The Christmas week issue of December 23 will be the last issue in 1948.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Tillatoba Church and to G. T. Lyon for a nice list of subscriptions which recently came in. With 26 families reading about the doings of BAPTIST PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THERE IS CERTAIN TO BE AN INCREASE IN INTEREST.

**TREASURES OF HOPE** (\$2.) by Rev. Alfred Doerfler and published by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri is a book of devotion for the Christian who has passed the noonday of life. The first half of the book brings a Scripture portion, a prayer, and a hymn for each morning and each evening, covering a period of four weeks. The last half brings numerous prayers for various occasions which are common to the life of the older Christian, as well as many comforting Bible promises. Its large, clear type makes it comfortable reading material for eyes that are growing dim, but ones eyes of faith grow brighter as its pages are absorbed.

November 21 set a record in Sunday School attendance this year at Tillatoba Church with 85 present. An offering of \$147 was taken for the Orphanage. Leonard D. Baird who is pastor at both Tillatoba and Wayside churches writes that he is expecting a great year.

The Sunday school is a church agency formed by the church, under control of the church, directed by the church, used by many churches, and is responsible to the church. . . J. N. Barnett in The Sunday School Builder.

Four out of five is good. Recently Rev. N. L. Grafton sent us four new subscriptions from Union Hill Church, Kemper County Association. This church has been without a pastor for two years but has kept on keeping on. The Baptist Record is thankful for the four subscriptions which Pastor Grafton states is all of the resident families except one.

**THE SIGN THAT SAVES** (35c) by Alvin J. Carlson and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, consists of the four following chapters: Prelude to Death, The Sign that Saves, On to Triumph, Vestibules of Faith. Author Carlson has been a pastor, an Army Chaplain, a conference evangelist, and is the author of other books. His purpose in this book is to teach us the great need of the church today and inspire us to achieve spiritual growth. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

Among the many Thanksgiving greetings received by the Baptist Record was the following by a prominent pastor: "At this Thanksgiving Season I am grateful for many blessings, and among them is the contribution you are making to the work of our dear Lord as Editor of the Baptist Record. I look forward to the paper every week. You have done an excellent job which deserves the gratitude of Mississippi Baptists. My thanks to you."

Ten additional students enrolled at Southern Seminary at the opening of the second term, November 22, bringing the total enrollment for the current year to 781 men. The new students are: Harley Evan Bailey, Williamstown, W. Va.; Claude S. Boatwright, Swainsboro, Ga.; Isadore Childers, Eubank, Ky.; Eddie Manly Chilton, Belton, S. C.; John Richard Christian, Trenton, Ky.; L. Taylor Daniel, Woodville, Tex.; James Lyn Elder, Richmond, Va.; R. Lee Franklin, Holly Point, Ala.; Darty F. Stowe, Trion, Ga.; and Clem A. Walters Orange, Va.

Because of the increased cost of printing and paper, the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist State paper, announces that beginning January 1 subscription prices will be increased from 10c per month 12 1/2c per month for EVERY FAMILY subscriptions and from \$2 to \$2.50 per year for individual subscriptions. The announcement states that it costs approximately \$2.22 per year for each subscription and the only reason those prices can be offered is because of additional incomes through advertising and a supplement which is provided by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The Baptist Record is greatly indebted to Lucien Church, Franklin County, and treasurer L. E. Dickey, for a list of new and renewal subscriptions, consisting of 40 names.

The following have passed successfully oral examinations leading to the Th. D. degree from Southern Seminary, since the opening of the current session: David Q. BYRD, Clinton, Miss.; JOHN L. MORAN, Jr., Pichayune, Miss.; Frank G. Voight, Louisville, Ky.; W. C. Fields, Gibsland, La.; Vernon Elmore, Cabool, Mo.; Willis Shotwell, Louisville, Ky.; and John James Curtis, Jr., Lexington, Ky.

Hebron Church, Clay County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. The list was sent by Mrs. E. P. Brewer, chairman of the committee.

Macon: In addition to giving the pastor a raise in salary for the coming year, the Macon Church voted a substantial amount to Clarke College out of funds in hand and also placed a like amount in the budget for Clarke College for the coming year. These amounts added to the offering earlier in the year bring the gifts of this church to a little more than half of the county's quota for the Clarke College Campaign. There are indications that the other churches of Noxubee County will complete the county's quota.

Mrs. J. D. Holland, church clerk of New Liberty Church, Calhoun County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Record. Friends like this enable the Baptist Record to have more than 62,000 circulation each week.

First Church, Pass Christian held a revival November 1-7 in cooperation with 15 churches having a Simultaneous Evangelistic Emphasis in Gulf Coast Association. Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of River Avenue, Hattiesburg, did the preaching. There were six additions to the church. Pastor W. S. Allen has been in First Church for 20 years and has watched it grow from its infancy.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from Vernon Church, Noxubee County. The list was sent by Mrs. Jess Weaver, church clerk. Such cooperation as this has enabled the Baptist Record to have the largest circulation in its history.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove, Mississippian and pastor of Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, recently assisted another Mississippian, Rev. S. M. (Happy) White in a revival at the First Southern Church of Yuma, Arizona. There were 14 additions. The music was led by Pastor White, assisted by his wife. Both of them have unusual musical talent. Dr. Hargrove says that since Mr. White became pastor a year ago, the church has had phenomenal growth.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates the nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Liberty Church, Lauderdale County, recently sent by Mrs. W. L. Culpepper. Syloam Church, Franklin County, never does things by halves. Exhibit A is the recent list of new and renewal subscriptions on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The list contains 38 names and such support is one of the many reasons The Baptist Record has more than 62,000 circulation weekly. The list was sent by the treasurer, Edgar Gammill.

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## Background of Geographical Problems American Baptists

(An Address at Ridgecrest, 1948, by Dr. W. O. Carver, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and President The Southern Baptist Historical Society.)

We can see four stages in the inter-relations of the two Conventions:

(1) free lance action by agencies and churches;

(2) one general state body with dual convention alliance;

(3) single alliance of one state body with a convention, with recognition of the right of designation and of the freedom of any church wholly to co-operate with one general convention without loss of fellowship with churches in the state body allied with the other convention, as obtained in some states;

(4) at this stage a movement was quietly begun to bring about single alignment of state conventions. This movement was conducted with persistent and ultimately successful zeal by Dr. Frost and his collaborators in the Sunday School Board and the Home Board. Oklahoma voted single alliance with the Southern Convention in 1914, Missouri in 1919, with vigorous opposition and with a small continued resistance.

Baker records that after March, 1921, tension, "always alleged to be doctrinal, began to spread . . . through Arizona, California, Washington, Oregon, Kansas, and Alaska." He predicts that because of immigration from the South into Western areas and because of doctrinal insistence "geographical lines as considered at present will never cease causing tension." He predicts that "bitterness and antagonism" will break out in Nevada, Utah, and Colorado "surely in this generation." Southern Baptists are "on the march," and no limits are discernible to their expansion. Crusaders are not usually amenable to reason and to appeals of fellowship. The doctrinal issue is not the only—perhaps not the chief—actual reason for this course.

The Northern Convention is naturally and properly deeply concerned. At their initiative a joint committee gave much consideration during 1947-48 to finding some formula for fraternal procedure. A report was unanimously agreed upon. But when the time for the report at Memphis arrived, the Southern chairman announced that very recent developments and manifest trends left the whole matter in such suspense as to make it advisable that the report not be submitted, and asked for continuance. This course was in line with a vigorous disposition dominant at that meeting to push aggressively the campaign of extension in Northern territory.

Some of its leaders insist that they are working for "orthodox" Christianity against "modernistic" defection and "humanistic liberalism" in the Northern Convention. Such charges are made without sufficient discrimination and are earnestly denied by the Northern leaders and organizations.

Within the Southern Convention, discussion and formal action during the last fifty years has defined inter-relations of churches, associations, state-wide organizations, in a way that leaves the Southern Baptist Convention incompetent to deal effectively with the Northern Convention with reference to the geographical questions. Neither Convention can speak except for its own organization and agencies. It has no control over any other organization. It can direct its own agents and agencies to observe the principles of comity and fraternity with another general body. But this cannot preclude independent individual action or a course of action by some group of individuals or churches which will produce a situation with

## Young People's Choir, Friendship Church, Pike County



which the Convention must deal. And it must now deal with it by the principles of its own constitution.

Again and again the Conventions have been faced with facts accomplished with the production of which they had no responsibility, but with which they must now deal in a specific way. Examples abound in the course of both general conventions. The Southern Convention had nothing to do with the opening of missions in Mexico, but when it faced such a mission inaugurated by Texas Baptists it could not but take it over. So the Northern Convention (Missionary Union) had no part in the Baptist Mission in the Belgian Congo, but when Guinness offered to turn it over to the Union the path of duty was plain.

To come nearer home, the Southern Convention had no responsibility as such for the Southern Illinois Association, but when the messengers of that group applied the constitution had a wide open door, through which they entered.

The Convention officially had no part in the inauguration of the Golden Gate Seminary, nor with its recent location in close proximity to another Baptist seminary. Yet when that seminary shall be urgently offered to the Convention, its acceptance or rejection will be decided on basis of the policy and policies of the general body.

The thirty Kansas churches is another case in point.

It seems that our history has brought us to the condition when geographical considerations are to be ignored as not pertinent. They were never rightly or actually determinative. The complete autonomy of churches, the independent autonomy of all Baptist bodies, must leave affiliation and co-operation free. So long as we think sectionally, we will act, by conviction or prejudice, along sectional lines. That cannot but be true, North or South, East or West. Unless and until we attain unto a comprehensive Baptist consciousness and are moved by a comprehensive Baptist fellowship, we must go on constrained by limited loyalties and making progress under tensions.

These tensions we can endure, modify, and resolve if we are guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit, remembering always that He is One Spirit and that Christ is not divided. Only thus can we successfully find our way in the confusion that lies about us and promises to grow more serious in the immediate future.

The Baptists of Sarah Church do not do things by halves as evidenced by a recent list of renewal subscriptions on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Mrs. Vanie S. Cox, the church clerk, not only sent the renewal list but added several new names. Others are invited to do likewise.

Under the direction of Mrs. Luther Toney, the Young People's Choir has helped increase interest in the services at Friendship Church, Pike County. The choir sings once each Sunday.

This choir is located a few miles from McComb in Pike County and supports a full-time program under the leadership of Pastor M. Glenn Smith who is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the New Orleans Seminary.

The choir has visited several Pike County churches and rendered special music at the October meeting of the Pike County Association.

SHOWN ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: Front row, Janice Matthews, Linda Martin, Edna May Brewer, Minnie May Johnson, Bernice Brewer, Judith Martin, Peggy McDavid, Barbara Ann Bacot, accompanist; Betty Golman, Glenda Jo Smith; Emmogene Gatlin, Tilly Mancuso, Shirley May. SECOND ROW, Mrs. Luther Toney, director; Aubrey Lee Williams, Earl Reeves, Hugh Norman, Jr., W. L. Catt, Alton Jones, Jacquatine Dungan, Billy Jean Fitzgerald, Ethel Byrd, Syble Reeves, Marie Johnston, Faye Johnson, Faye Reeves, Ethel Cole, Nellie Seale, Helen Jones, Ethel McManus, Eyvonne Brewer. THIRD ROW, Charles Kirkland, R. B. Nunnery, Eugene Byrd, James Toney, Jerry Toney, Clyde Goldman, Joe Reese Brewer, Charles Barrette.

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In Memory Of  
Little Margaret Janet Whittington  
Who Died Dec. 10, 1947

A precious one from us has gone,  
A sweet voice we loved is still;  
There's a vacant place in our hearts  
That never can be filled.

The loneliness in our hearts  
Seems more than we can bear;  
We miss you more each day, little  
darling,  
Since God called you to His care.

God needed another angel,  
To worship before His throne,  
So He looked down from heaven  
And called our loved one home.

One year ago you left us, darling,  
Our friends may think the wound is  
healed  
But they little know the sorrow  
That lives in our hearts, concealed.

Now that she's gone away to heaven,  
We can only plant new flowers on the  
grave  
Of the one we loved so much  
But the one we could not save.

Sadly missed by the family,  
By PEARLINE WHITTINGTON.

## Family Day Observed At Satartia Church

Sunday, November 21, was Family Day at Satartia Church, Yazoo County. Pastor W. E. Sloan preached on "The Family in Relation to World Christianity."

The following were given special recognition: the largest family present the Leroy Sanders family; the youngest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harrel Harris; the oldest father, Dr. Henry Carley; the oldest mother, Mrs. H. C. Lowery; the youngest family member, Jane Carol Williams; the family with the most Christian members, the J. F. Atkinson family. It was also noted that the Atkinson family have two members doing special Christian service: J. F., Jr., who is training at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, for foreign mission service and Garnet Faye, who is Educational Secretary in the Rolling Fork Baptist Church.

This special day was set aside to endeavor to make the church members family conscious.

## Oak Grove Ordains Deacons Dorroh Heads Study Course

Bruce, Miss. Nov. 29 — Oak Grove Church, Rev. A. F. Brasher pastor, held a BTU Institute with the Church last week with Rev. J. S. Dorroh teaching. There was a large attendance.

Closing the week's activities there were two deacons ordained: Rusk James and J. L. Hood. The Presbytery was as follows: Rev. J. S. Dorroh, who delivered the sermon; Rev. A. F. Brasher, who gave the charge, and Rev. C. T. Schmitz, who led the ordination prayer. J. I. Adams, W. M. Shelton, F. M. McDivitt, John James and Clyde Bryant, all of whom were visiting deacons, joined in laying on the hands.

## EIGHTH BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS TO CLEVELAND

Baptist World Alliance Headquarters report that the Administrative Committee of the Alliance at its meeting on November 30th decided to accept the invitation from Cleveland, Ohio, to hold its next World Congress in that city in 1950. The dates fixed are July 22-27 inclusive. The President of the Alliance, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, will preside.

Of the seven preceding World Congresses, two have been held in the United States, Philadelphia 1911 and Atlanta 1939. At the latter Congress some of the sessions were attended by more than fifty thousands people. In Cleveland delegates are expected from nearly all the more than sixty countries throughout which the sixteen millions of Baptists are scattered.

## Farnsworth Gives \$15,000 For Seminary Faculty Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Farnsworth of New Orleans, Louisiana, have given \$15,000.00 cash for a faculty residence to be located on the New Orleans Baptist Seminary's new seventy-five acre campus.

The home will be named "Farnsworth Residence" and has been designated for Mr. and Mrs. W. Plunkett Martin for as long as Mr. Martin is a member of the Seminary faculty.

Mr. Martin is chairman of the Seminary's department of sacred music.